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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES April 27, 2016

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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday April 27, 2016. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson of the Board called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
LORI KEITH	Present
DAVID BANK	Excused
BRUCE A. SPICER	Present

Also present were: Swang Oo, Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia, Administrative Staff;

OPENING STATEMENT "Reading of the Sunshine Law" **A QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT:**

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on December 30, 2015. A schedule of all 2016 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2016 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the website.

Public Comments: None

I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. March 23, 2016

Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to approve the March 23, 2016 Public Session Minutes as written.
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. LEGISLATION

SENATE BILLS

S-1690

1. Senate Bill S-1690 - amended language - Sally Hacking

Bill S-1690 Requires applicants for licensure as massage and bodywork therapists to complete both class study and examination requirement.

This matter was tabled.

2. S-1918

Bill S-1918 requires a public institution of higher education to waive or reimburse the institution's application fee and fee for the receipt or transmission of a transcript for each veteran, member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Reserve components thereof, or member of the New Jersey National Guard who resides in the State and accepts admission to the public institution of higher education.

A motion was made by Lori Keith and seconded by Bruce Spicer, to advise the Division of Consumer Affairs legislative liaison that the Board supports this bill S-1918 because it is right to do so. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. TRANSCRIPTS REVIEW (Initial applications)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-2.1, the Board reviewed transcripts submitted by out of state schools on the following applicants.

1. Applicant ID# 1908565 E.W ; Transcripts not approved; Lacking required supervised clinical hours.
2. Applicant ID# 1698218 P.K (S); Transcripts not approved; Lacking 72 hours of supervised clinical and Law and Ethics.
3. Applicant ID# 1918271 A. L. ; Approved.

Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to reaffirm the determinations made on all above transcripts presented for initial applications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. CONSENT ORDERS (No Response)

1. Amanda E. Kolb; Applicant ID# 1712421
Consent Order Granting Licensure
2. Peijun Yu; Applicant ID# 1916691
Consent Order Granting Licensure

The above two matters were tabled.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Jack A. Polikoff; License No. 18KT00588900
RE: Continuing Education Waiver

Mr. Polikoff requested a waiver of the continuing education requirement for the current renewal period of 2014-2016. In support of his request, he provided a letter from his physician stating that he is a full-time caretaker for the duration of his wife's infirmity.

A motion was made by Lori Keith and seconded by Bruce Spicer, to advise Mr. Polikoff that the physician letter is not sufficient for the Board to grant a CE waiver unless he provides an affidavit attesting under oath that he is not practicing at this time. Further, he must demonstrate completion of all continuing education requirements for license renewal when he returns to practice. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DENIAL(No Response)

1. Fuzi Hong; Applicant ID# 1799191
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed December 30, 2015
2. Meihong Piao; Applicant ID# 1920166
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed December 30, 2015

The above two matters were tabled pending proof of effective service.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:40 AM. Upon a motion made by Bruce Spicer and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Board's regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the Executive Session. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Bruce Spicer and seconded by Lori Keith, to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 P.M.
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson,
Executive Director